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Unicameral and I did my best on the pronunciation. Thank you. From Senator Burrows' district, 35 fourth graders from Park East School, Fairbury, Nebraska, Dorothy Bangert (phonetic) and Galen Napier the teachers. Where are you located so we may say hello? Welcome to the Unicameral. Go ahead, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have an amendment from Senator Schmit. This is the one on 1735. It is the one, Senator, that reads, "The department shall inspect..." Okay.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Schmit had two amendments. One went a little direction different, considerably different than Senator Warner's. The body adopted Senator Warner's amendment so I am not going to offer that one and Senator Schmit, should he elect to do that on Final Reading, he can do that and explain it. However, the other one is essentially a noncontroversial one, something I think needs to be done. It would authorize the Department of Agriculture to inspect and test gasohol for accuracy of the blend and purity of the contents. That is kind of self-explanatory. I think it is essentially noncontroversial. Of course the Ag Department already tests other petroleum based fuels so this is maybe kind of an important clarification and followup to make sure that there is not fraud or deception going on when you play around with gasohol. So I would urge adoption of the amendment and as I say, I think it is essentially completely noncontroversial and self-explanatory.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner, do you wish to speak to the amendment?

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I rise to support the amendment. There has been for some period of time there has been concern that occasionally fuels that are identified as gasohol may or may not have the full 10% requirement. It is a relatively simple test that the Ag Department can do as they are testing other fuels. They do it by the specific gravity, the weight test. There should be no particular cost. The Ag Department did estimate some cost to it on the assumption that they would have to test every pump all the time but the language would be the same as it is for other testing of fuels which is done on a random basis, sampling basis or upon complaint and I think that is adequate to ensure as it is adequate for other fuels to ensure that the standard is being met and I am of the opinion there is a definite need to do such testing to ensure that the fuel sold as gasohol is, in fact, meeting the legal requirement for the